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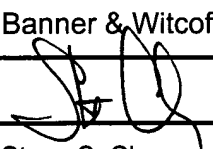
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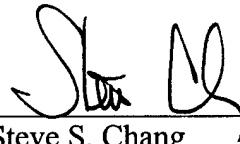
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Group I: Claims 1-20
Group II: Claim 21

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-20) for prosecution in the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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